

### **Quick Links**

Tour Overview (3 min.)

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GLCEs at the Learning Centers

Lessons and Resources

Learning Center Brochure

Hall of Justice Brochure

### Pokémon Go

Besides historical and civic significance, downtown Lansing offers yet another attraction. Pokémon have been spotted, including on the grounds of the Hall of Justice. A gym is at the State Capitol, and staff of the Michigan History Center found a Pidgeotto flying through the courtyard. How many Pokémon will your group capture?

## Calendar

### September

- 5 State Holiday
- 14 <u>Michigan Supreme Court</u> (MSC) Public Hearing
- 19 <u>Constitution Day</u> at the Learning Center

#### October

5–6 MSC Oral Arguments

# **Constitution Day 2016**

Join the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center's celebration of Constitution Day, **September 19**.

Tours will highlight the U.S. Constitution and include guest speakers and free curriculum materials. Limited openings are available. Call 517-373-7171 to schedule your tour today.



Additional resources appear on the <u>Constitutions</u> page of the Learning Center website and on the next page.

## School Tours, 2016–2017 Call 517-373-7171

The school year is just around the corner, so now is an excellent time to schedule a visit to the <u>Michigan Supreme</u> <u>Court Learning Center</u>. Free, guided tours may be reserved for Mondays–Fridays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., except state holidays.

During a school tour many <u>Grade Level Content Expectations</u> can be fulfilled. Themes include:

- Michigan Studies
- Government and Civics
- Constitution Day

To see the Michigan Supreme Court courtroom during your visit, you must request this specifically when making a tour reservation. Additional time is required. Because of the Court's schedule, courtroom visits cannot be guaranteed. Ask your scheduler for details.

Many openings are still available, but popular days are going fast. Learning Center staff look forward to your visit.



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## Constitution Day – Resources for the Classroom

### **Data Visualization**

#### **Word Clouds**

When analyzing complex texts such as the U.S. Constitution, it can be helpful to create visual representations. Word clouds highlight words that appear frequently in source text (excluding common words). They can be used to identify ideas, themes, and key terms. In fact, scholars from the <a href="Comparative Constitutions Project">Comparative Constitutions Project</a> use word clouds to <a href="wisualize data">visualize data</a> when comparing constitutions from different countries.

Teachers and students can create and analyze their own word clouds by pasting <u>text from the U.S. Constitution</u> into free websites such as <u>Wordle</u> or <u>Tagxedo</u>.

### Charts, Tables, & Timelines

Below are links to additional graphic data about the U.S. Constitution and constitutions around the world. These sources were created by the Comparative Constitutions Project and their partners.

Table of <u>Common Preamble Phrases</u> featured in the "What's in a Preamble?" lesson from the <u>American Bar Association</u>, Division for Public Education

<u>Historical Sources for the Bill of Rights</u>, co-created with the National Constitution Center

Timeline of Constitutions

World Constitutional Holidays



**Preamble** 



Article III

Judicial Branch of Government

### **Additional Lessons & Resources**

Civics Renewal Network, Preamble Challenge Toolkit

iCivics, Constitution Day (free registration required)

Library of Congress, Constitution Day

National Archives, Constitution Workshop

National Constitution Center, Constitution Day

## **About Constitution Day**

On September 17, 1787, delegates signed the U.S. Constitution. To commemorate this historical event, federal law requires schools that receive federal funding and all federal agencies to hold programs about the Constitution on or near that date each year.